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SUBJECT: INDO-PAK AGREEMENT

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1. AUGUST 29 DACCA PRESS BANNER HEADLINED WIRE SERVICE REPORTS OF THE NEW DELHI ACCORDS. PRIOR TO HIS DELAYED DEPARTURE FOR ABIDJAN AND ALGIERS, FOREIGN MINISTER KAMAL HOSSAIN EXPRESSED TO NEWSMEN HIS "SATISFACTION OVER THE SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN INDIA AND PAKISTAN" ADDING HE HOPED THIS AGREEMENT WOULD OPEN "A NEW PATH" TO A DURABLE SUBCONTINENT PEACE. HOSSAIN SAID HIS GOVERNMENT WAS KEPT FULLY INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS AND TRENDS IN THE RAWALPINDI AND NEW DELHI TALKS. HE REFUSED TO SPELL OUT DETAILS OF THE AGREEMENT OR COMMENT ON HOW THE WAR CRIMES TRIALS ISSUE HAD BEEN HANDLED.

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2. THE GOVERNMENT SPONSORED BANGLADESH OBSERVER

HEADLINED AND THE OTHER PAPERS REFERRED TO INDIAN AND PAKISTANI RECOGNITION OF MUJIB'S "UNDERSTANDING, SAGACITY AND FARSIGHTEDNESS" IN GIVING ENOUGH GROUND ON THE POINTS AT ISSUE TO MAKE THE AGREEMENT POSSIBLE.

3. THE HAKSAR-AZIZ AHMED ACCORD MUST HAVE BEEN A NEAR PHOTO FINISH. THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION HAS TOLD US THE FOREIGN MINISTRY CANCELLED THEIR HIGH COMMISSIONER'S MEETING WITH HOSSAIN AUG 28 AS IT CANCELLED THE CHARGE'S. THE BRITISH UNDERSTAND HOSSAIN FEARED A BREAKDOWN IN THE NEW DELHI NEGOTIATIONS AND PLANNED TO BRIEF THE PRINCIPAL DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS. THE HIGH COMMISSION'S UNDERSTANDING IS THE SAME AS OURS.

4. COMMENT: WHILE INDIAN DIPLOMACY AND PAK FLEXIBILITY WERE KEY TO THE AGREEMENT, THE WILLINGNESS OF MUJIB AND HIS GOVERNMENT TO SWALLOW PAST RHETORIC AND GIVE ON EXTREMELY SENSITIVE ISSUES WAS A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE SUCCESS OF THE NEW DELHI TALKS. WE SHOULD NOT UNDERESTIMATE THE RISKS MUJIB BELIEVES HE HAS RUN AND SHOULD EMPHASIZE OUR RECOGNITION OF HIS CONTRIBUTION IN PRIVATE AND OFFICIAL STATEMENTS.  
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